GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1579
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HAJIPUR-VAISHALI-SUGAULI RAIL LINE
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the project for construction of Hajipur-Vaishali-Sugauli new railway line has been approved;

(b) if so, the present status thereof;

(c) the mode of funding of the project;

(d) the funds allocated and expenditure incurred thereon so far, year-wise;

(e) the target fixed for completion of the said project, stage-wise;

(f) whether the work of the project running as per the schedule;

(g) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(h) the steps taken by the Government for expeditiously completion of this project?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) :The project has been included in Supplementary Demands for Grants 2003-04.Final Location Survey is in progress. The part estimate has been sanctioned. This would be followed by land acquisition and work would be taken up after land is made available by State Government.

(c) :The work is being funded through budgetary support. Efforts are also being made to obtain multilateral funding for the project.

(d): An outlay of Rs. 10 lakh has been provided for the work during 2003-2004. The expenditure would be known only after end of the financial year and finalization of accounts.

(e) to (h): No target has yet been fixed. The work would be progressed as per the availability of resources. A number of initiatives have been taken to augment resources for expediting completion of the ongoing projects. These include sharing by State Governments, Public/Private Partnership, funding from Ministry of Defence and funds for national Rail Vikas Yojana.With these efforts, it may be feasible to expedite the progress of the ongoing projects.